

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A plasma-sterilization indicator, comprising:

at least one compound (A) selected from the group consisting of adsorption indicators and metal chelate-titration indicators; at least one organic metal compound (B); and a polyvalent alcohol (C).

2. (Previously Presented) The plasma sterilization indicator according to Claim 1, wherein the compound (A) is selected from the group consisting of hematoxylin, Mordant Blue 29, Eriochrome Black T, xylenol orange, and 1-(2-pyridylazo)-2-naphthol (PAN).

3. (Previously Presented) The plasma-sterilization indicator according to Claim 1, wherein the organic metal compound (B) is selected from the group consisting of aluminum chelate compounds, titanium chelate compounds, and zirconium chelate compounds.

4. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The plasma-sterilization indicator according to Claim 1, wherein the polyvalent alcohol (C) comprises at least one glycol selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, diethylene glycol, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, and dipropylene glycol.

8. – 9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A sterilization packaging material capable of containing an article to be sterilized by plasma sterilization treatment, wherein at least part thereof is made of a gas permeable paper or nonwoven fabric, and an indicator area of a plasma-sterilization indicator comprising at least one compound

(A) selected from the group consisting of adsorption indicators and metal chelate-titration indicators, an organic metal compound (B), and a polyvalent alcohol (C) is formed thereon.

11. (Previously Presented) The sterilization packaging material according to Claim 10, wherein the compound (A) is selected from the group consisting of hematoxylin, Mordant Blue 29, Eriochrome Black T, xylene orange, and 1-(2-pyridylazo)-2-naphthol (PAN).

12. (New) The plasma sterilization indicator according to claim 1, wherein a content of the polyvalent alcohol (C) is in the range of 1.0% to 10.0% by weight.